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COTTON SCANDAL NOW BEFORE JURY

Beach Begins Investigation But Refuses to Discuss Matter.

DISCLOSURES TO BE SENSATIONAL

Several New York Cotton Brokers Summoned to Appear. Have Already Made Statements Telling What They Know—Statistical Board to Meet.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 24.—The investigation of the leakage of the cotton reports of the Department of Agriculture was begun to-day by the Federal grand jury. In accordance with the call of District Attorney Beach, the jury assembled at 11 o'clock and promptly entered upon the work before it. As Mr. Beach entered the room he declined to express an opinion as to how long the inquiry would continue, to state how many witnesses would be called, or to give any information whatever, except that he would personally conduct the investigation. There was no witness present when the jury was called to order.

Sensation Coming.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 24.—Subpoenas requiring the presence of several local cotton brokers before a Federal grand jury in Washington where the Federal authorities are making an investigation of the cotton report scandal, were served in this city to-day. More subpoenas are in the hands of the Federal officers here, and they will be served as soon as the persons named in them can be located. The attendance of those named in the subpoenas is required in Washington before the end of the present month.

A Federal official here said to-day that all the men upon whom subpoenas have been served have made statements, both signed and sworn, in which they tell all they know of the so-called cotton scandals.

It was upon these statements, forwarded to Washington, that District Attorney Beach caused the subpoenas to be issued. When, where, and before whom the statements were made could not be learned.

Board to Meet to-morrow.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 24.—The delegation from the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, appointed at the recent meeting at Charlotte, N. C., to take up with Secretary Wilson the question of issuing a new June cotton acreage report, called at the Department of Agriculture to-day and were in lengthy conference with the Secretary.

At the conclusion of the conference Secretary Wilson gave out the following statement:

"The Department of Agriculture has determined that the Statistical Board shall meet Wednesday, July 26th, to consider whether revision of the June cotton acreage should be made from existing data or from a new report, and to make public their findings or estimate at 12 o'clock on that date, or the earliest convenient date thereafter."

The cotton men informally discussed the question of ordering a new report. No representations of inaccuracy were made against the June report, and the members of the delegation appeared satisfied with the decision of the Secretary, announced in the statement issued. The suggestion was made that a weekly report of condition of cotton should be issued, but it was not urged upon the department.

It was said the Secretary of the cotton men realized that more frequent reports cannot be had under the present appropriation for gathering crop statistics.

ONE KILLED; ONE INJURED

Tragedy Results From a Long-standing Feud in Georgia.

(By Associated Press.)
WAYCROSS, Ga., July 24.—As a result of a fight at Fort Mudge, fourteen miles from Waycross on the Jacksonville road, yesterday Darling Dowling, Jr., was killed and Charlie Crews was badly cut in several places. The shots were fired by Crews and Dowling, who were engaged in a feud, and the result was the death of Dowling and the wounding of Crews. The fight was the result of an old grudge.

All those involved are prominently connected.

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO LET CARTER RESIGN

(By Associated Press.)
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 24.—Governor Carter of Hawaii, came to Oyster Bay, N. Y., to-day to escape the annoyance to which he has been subjected since he succeeded Governor Dole. The President to-day, not only declined to accept his resignation, but pledged him the full support and sympathy of the administration.

Report Denied.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 24.—A report to the effect that John F. Wallace, formerly chief engineer of the Panama Canal, was to become president of the Seaboard Air Line, was denied to-day by Chairman James A. Blair of the Seaboard's board of directors. Mr. Blair said there was absolutely no foundation for the report.

State Senator Arrested.

(By Associated Press.)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 24.—State Senator P. O. Bull was arrested at Berryville to-day on a bench warrant from Little Rock charging him with bribery in connection with the completion of the new State Capitol.

HIGH SCHOOL ON CLAY STREET

Bryant Plans Therefor Unanimously Selected as Was the Site.

BETWEEN EIGHTH AND NINTH STREETS

Imposing New Structure to Front on the South Line of Clay Street, the Whole Block. The Cost of the Site Will Be \$60,500.

The new High School building for the white children of Richmond will occupy the northern half of the block inclosed by Clay, Marshall, Eighth and Ninth Streets. At least, that is the recommendation of the Finance Committee which adopted without dissent the report of the Council, and the committee of the Board of School Trustees, which have jointly had the matter under consideration. The confirmation of the committee's action by the Council is a foregone conclusion, especially after an unanimous report thereon.

Mr. Charles K. Bryant, a native and former resident of this city, will be the architect of the new and imposing structure. The joint sub-committee of special committee also made an unanimous recommendation on this point. This means the adoption of the plans proposed by Mr. Bryant, and heretofore reproduced by the Times-Dispatch. The motion, to adopt the plans of Mr. Bryant was made by Mr. F. C. Ebel, a member of the School Board, who in doing so, took occasion to highly commend the work of the architect and the excellence of his design.

The property to be purchased is about an acre in area, or, precisely speaking, 26,227.74 square feet, and fronts on Clay Street from Eighth to Ninth Streets, running back to an alley parallel to Clay Street. The city has options on the site at \$60,500. The location of the site, its proximity to car lines and its central situation, as well as the price commended this property to both committees, and the report was promptly confirmed by the Finance Committee.

Here is the report made by the special High School Committee and the committee of the School Board and unanimously approved by the Finance Committee:

Report of the Committee.

"To the Committee on Finance of the Council of the City of Richmond. Gentlemen:

"The School Board of the City of Richmond has directed the undersigned committee to submit for your consideration a copy of the report herewith presented (marked A) which was adopted at a special meeting called for its consideration on Monday, July 17th, 1905, and to communicate to you the further wishes of the board as to the selection of a site for the 'New High School.'"

"Not having met with success in our endeavor to secure options on the entire block between Eighth and Ninth, extending from Marshall to Clay, we have concluded to announce to you our desire for the purchase of the half of this block, or that portion which faces Clay Street between Eighth and Ninth, running back to an alley 20 feet wide. This half block measures by survey (exhibit B) 261 feet 7 inches by 151 feet 6 inches or 26,227.74 square feet, and will cost not over \$60,500 as shown by accompanying options."

"In making this recommendation we have carefully considered the advantages and disadvantages of this site as compared with others under consideration, and herewith present the reasons for our conclusion."

Various Sites Compared.

"The three sites whose claims have received our attention are as follows: 1. The site between Eighth and Ninth, extending from Marshall to Clay, which would cost \$150,000 for an alley 20 feet wide, containing about 83,000 square feet, at an estimated cost of \$50,000, exclusive of the High School lot, 90 feet front, now owned by the city."

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TRYING TO SCARE THE LITTLE FELLOW!

BALFOUR REFUSES TO ACCEPT DEFEAT

Announces That Government Has No Intention of Resigning or Dissolving Parliament.

"CONTEMPTIBLE"—REDMOND

Indicated That Premier Will Have Most Determined Opposition During Rest of Session.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 24.—The government has no intention of resigning, in consequence of Thursday's adverse vote. This was the gist of Premier Balfour's eagerly anticipated statement in the House of Commons this afternoon. Although it had been generally recognized that such would be the decision of the premier, there was nevertheless eagerness on all sides to hear the exact terms of this statement. The house was literally packed. Every gallery available to the peers and the public was crowded and there had not been such an attendance of members during the life of the present parliament.

Balfour's Statement.

Mr. Balfour, who was heartily cheered by his supporters, on rising, tried the patience of his hearers somewhat by a long disquisition on how former administrations had ignored defeats similar to that of Thursday. He declared that such incidents had never been regarded as ground for resignation or dissolution and announced that the government did not propose either to resign or dissolve parliament because of Thursday's occurrence.

The premier hoped the practice would never prevail of allowing a government united in itself and possessing the confidence of the majority of the house to abandon its vote merely in consequence of such a vote.

Mr. Balfour sat down without referring to the remaining business of the session, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, immediately asked for an opportunity to discuss the Premier's statement.

Contemptible, Says Redmond.

John Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalists, took a similar line, and the heated tone of both leaders indicated that the government will have to face the most determined opposition during the remainder of the session. Ultimately, the chief government whip moved the adjournment, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman opened the debate with a stirring attack on the government.

Mr. Redmond followed, and in a few fervid phrases characterized the Premier's action as contemptible.

The opposition, for tactical reasons, decided to abstain from a division, the debate as unexpectedly ended and the government motion for an adjournment was carried without a division.

POINTER ON THE WEATHER



CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was fair, warm and sultry. Range of the thermometer: 75 to 85. Mean temperature yesterday, 79. Normal temperature for July, 79. Departure from normal temperature, +1.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises.....5:09 HIGH TIDE.....11:21
Sun sets.....7:23 Morning.....11:21
Moon rises.....12:00 Evening.....11:21

OIL FIELD AFIRE, 12 LOSE LIVES

Dozen Negroes Employed to Prevent Spread of Flames Perish.

GREAT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Fire Still Raging Fiercely, But is Confined to Tanks of Texas Company.

(By Associated Press.)

HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 24.—With probably twelve persons dead, the fire in the Humble oil fields, which started last night, is still burning fiercely, but it remains confined to the tanks of the Texas Company. So far as can be learned the burned men were all negroes, employed to prevent the spread of the flames. Forty-three mules perished. The managers of the Texas Company say that the tanks contained approximately 2,500,000 barrels of oil, valued at twenty-five cents a barrel, and that none of the oil will be saved. In addition, they say the big pumping plant was destroyed, making a total loss of more than \$500,000.

To-day the efforts of the fire-fighters have been confined to throwing up earthen embankments between the burning tanks, of which there are eleven, and those in which 4,000,000 barrels of oil belonging to other companies are stored. These tanks are 3,000 and 4,000 feet away from the fire, but the water which covers the field as a result of the rain of Sunday has floated the burning oil to the first level, and a sudden "boil over" may send the burning fluid to the second embankment, which would place the other tanks in great danger.

The fire is not spreading toward the production field, and it is not expected that it will. Hundreds of men are engaged to-night strengthening the levees, building them higher, and in throwing up additional ridges. Scores of people have lost their temporary homes in the field. Many have already come to Houston to seek shelter.

Among the companies who had oil stored in the Texas tanks are Stetson and Antell, 30,000 barrels; Brooks and Company, 100,000 barrels; Lunsford and Company, 125,000 barrels.

Due to the Humble fire, a sharp advance occurred in the oil market, and still further advances are ordered. F. O. R. oil is quoted at from twenty-two to twenty-five cents to-day, an advance of about four cents.

20 WANTED TO-DAY.

The 20 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

- 1 Office. 1 Salesman.
- 7 Trades. 3 Domestic.
- 8 Miscellaneous.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

PAID FOR WORK FOR ANDERSON

Mr. A. B. Williams In Public Statement Says He Rewarded Worker.

ALLEGED TO HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW

Grand Jury Summons All Voters of Third Monroe Precinct—A Violation of Law There is Suspected—The Vote of First Jefferson Precinct.

The announcement yesterday in a signed statement by Mr. Alfred B. Williams, editor of the Richmond News-Leader, that he had paid twenty-five dollars to a man who worked in behalf of Colonel George Wayne Anderson for Commonwealth's attorney in the recent primary at the first precinct of Jefferson Ward, caused profound interest in political and official circles. The latter and the frank, manly statement of Mr. Williams were the subject of almost universal discussion and comment last night and late yesterday afternoon. A variety of opinions were expressed as to the probable action of the grand jury in the matter, but all these are the merest speculation.

There is practically unanimous agreement that Mr. Williams has made a manly, brave and thoroughly frank and unreserved statement of his action, which he believed and still believes to be entirely legitimate. Even those who expressed the belief that his action in remunerating a precinct worker was a violation of the law, added to it the admission that Mr. Williams had been open in his action and had given every evidence that he did not intend any infraction of the statute.

The man to whom Mr. Williams paid the money is currently reported to be Mr. Samuel Goldstein, an employee of the city street cleaning department. That good service was rendered for the money is attested by the fact admitted by Mr. Williams, that a precinct believed to be against Colonel Anderson returned a plurality for him. Mr. Williams emphasizes the fact that Colonel George Wayne Anderson had no intimation whatever of his act, which was without the candidate's knowledge or even suspicion. The complete exoneration of Colonel Anderson from any suspicion of the matter, either before the act or thereafter, is very gratifying to that gentleman's friends.

Voters Before Grand Jury.

The other matter of greatest interest before the grand jury yesterday was the action taken with reference to the investigation of the vote in the third precinct of Monroe Ward. It was officially announced that all the voters of that precinct—201 in number—will be summoned to appear before the grand jury to-day, and possibly to-morrow, if the entire list shall not have been examined by night. The object of summoning the voters is understood to be to ascertain whether all of those voted who are returned as having cast ballots, and, if possible, for whom they voted. Every one of them who is on the city list will have to go before the jury and undergo examination, but it is a question whether or not they will tell for whom they voted. Good lawyers express the conviction that no man can be required to state for whom he voted unless he be heretofore well known throughout the city, did yesterday afternoon from the effects of inhaling gas. She was overcome by the fumes from a gas stove in the bath-room at her home, No. 806 East Clay Street, and when discovered was beyond medical aid. All efforts to resuscitate her were unavailing.

Detention Camps.

Surgeon White is perfecting arrangements for the establishment of detention camps for the different railroads. Lieutenant-Colonel Maus, United States Army, came to-day to investigate the situation at Jackson barracks. He found no cases of illness, and recommended against removing the troops at the present time.

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A MONTAGUE DAY IN OLD HALIFAX

The Governor Addresses a Crowd of Two Thousand.

HEARERS WILD WITH ENTHUSIASM

Swanson and Willard Made Very Strong Speeches, and Were Given a Hearty Reception By their Adherents—Significant References to Debt Settlement.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)
SOUTH BOSTON, Va., July 24.—The greatest political meeting held in Halifax county in twenty years took place here to-day, when Governor Montague addressed an open air meeting of nearly two thousand voters.

There were a few ladies in the vast throng that greeted the chief executive of the State, but nearly all those present were men who will be able to cast their ballots on August 21 for United States senator and Governor.

Congressman Swanson and Captain Willard both made strong speeches in the interest of their respective fights for Governor, but it is not doing them any injustice to say that the great feature of the day was Governor Montague's powerful and eloquent address of nearly two hours.

The Governor was never in better trim, and he rose several times to flights of oratory which fairly set his hearers wild with enthusiasm. Montague buttons were upon a thousand lapsels, and those who stood for the Governor in his final cheered for him at every turn of the way.

The Governor was direct in his references to the junior senator, and in discussing the matter of the settlement, he boldly declared that any statement made by the junior senator or any one else that he had perjured himself in connection with this matter was unwarranted and untrue. The Governor was cheered at least fifty times during the course of his speech, and his friends are greatly pleased at the reception accorded him.

The friends of Mr. Swanson and Captain Willard are pleased with the results of the day, and the voters are congratulating themselves upon the opportunity they had to learn the candidates.

Governor Presented.

County Chairman Holt Busley called the meeting to order shortly after noon and introduced Mr. Lewis C. Watkins, a prominent member of the Halifax bar, who in a brief presentation of the Governor in a highly eulogistic speech of about twenty minutes, the remarks of Mr. Watkins were frequently cheered, and when he raised his hands and thanked heaven that the Governor was not the candidate of any class or machine, there was prolonged applause.

He supported the junior senator," he said, "in 1899, but have reported that dead in sackcloth and in ashes, and I say to those who differ with me now that while the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return."

"For one," he went on, "am opposed to bossism and machines in Virginia politics," and there was another demonstration of approval which lasted for several moments.

When Mr. Watkins presented the Governor as the next United States senator from Virginia, the applause was deafening, and when the Governor arose and bowed to the vast concourse before him, he was accorded one of the most remarkable ovations ever given a speaker in Halifax county. There were cries of "Senator Montague" from all sides, and it looked as though the Governor's friends would never tire of cheering him. When he declared it was a pleasure to him to come to old Halifax and be greeted by this vast assemblage of his fellow-citizens, voices rang out: "And we like to see you, too."

And he proceeded to a vigorous discussion of the various planks in his platform, there were enthusiastic and oft-repeated outbursts of applause.

"There is a growing desire in this country," said the Governor, "for the election of United States senators by the people. I have struggled to bring you this reform in the shape of a primary in which your chance of expression is equal to that of any other man."

The Governor was proceeding to discuss this proposition more fully when a box was handed him, on which to stand. As he stepped upon it there were cries of "For Montague!" mingled with prolonged cheering.

The speaker was especially happy in the discussion of the great power and influence of corporations, and as he moved to a brilliant climax by declaring for a free man's government and against monopoly, both in business and in politics, the whole audience seemed to join in the applause.

"There are too many United States senators indicted and convicted of stealing," he said, and some one yelled: "We are getting very tired of it," provoking another long selge of cheering.

"I am not abusing the Senate," said the Governor, "but I am abusing the voters that are known to you. The remedy is back, back to the whole people of this country. I take my stand on this question where Washington and Madison stood, and where the last two national conventions of my party placed me. As long as special interests control legislatures, special interests will control senators chosen in the secret legislative caucuses."

"I have stood always for the primary, and I stand for it in the open, the people of this State will dare the legislative to violate their instructions, saying to that body, 'You have done it in the past, but we will have it no more.'"

As to the Primary.

Great cheering greeted this remark, and it was renewed with vigor as the Governor ridiculed the statement of Senator Martin that he struck down the primary law at Roanoke, because it was aimed at him.

"But the junior senator says he favored

JAPANESE WILL WANT CONTROL OVER KOREA

Komura Gives First Indication of What Mikado Will Demand. Not Over-Sanguine.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 24.—Baron Komura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs and plenipotentiary in the pending peace negotiations with Russia, arrived in Chicago to-day from St. Paul on the Burlington Limited. Delegations were on hand to greet the visitors. The party remained in Chicago one hour, leaving by the Pennsylvania special, the eighteen hour train for New York.

Baron Komura authorized the following statement:

"At New York, we shall meet Minister Takahira from whom we expect to have word from President Roosevelt, inviting us to call either at Oyster Bay or Washington. We desire peace, yet are not over-anxious, nor are we over-sanguine that the negotiations will be productive. A Japanese protectorate over Korea will open the way for Japanese immigration there, and divert it from this country."

MRS. FERGUSSON DIES FROM INHALING GAS

Wife of Well-Known Railroad Man Expires Suddenly From Effects of Deadly Fumes.

(By Associated Press.)

Mrs. Edna Fergusson, wife of Mr. John E. Fergusson, a well-known railroad man, died yesterday afternoon from the effects of inhaling gas. She was overcome by the fumes from a gas stove in the bath-room at her home, No. 806 East Clay Street, and when discovered was beyond medical aid. All efforts to resuscitate her were unavailing.

Mrs. Fergusson, whose maiden name was Moon, had been twice married. Her first husband, who died some years ago, was a hardware merchant in this city.

Mr. Fergusson, by whom she is survived, is cashier for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company at the Richmond station. She leaves three children.

Mrs. Fergusson had not been in good health for some time and had been very much depressed recently. The funeral will take place from the residence this afternoon at 7 o'clock.

Taft at Yokohama.

(By Associated Press.)
YOKOHAMA, July 24.—3:30 A. M.—The steamer Manchuria, with Secretary of War Taft and party on board, arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning.